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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; Cotton Valley Formation,
Reservoir A; and Lower Cotton Valley Zone,
Reservoir A; ELM GROVE FIELD, Bossier Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EMPRESSA ENERGY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated LCV RA SU104.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well for, and unit operator of, the proposed additional unit as may be appropriate.
4. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A; the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; or any combination thereof, in the wellbore of any existing or future wells located on the identical units designated HOSS RA SU72, CV RA SU78 and LCV RA SU104; in which the interests in these units are identical.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 361-E series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.

6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-A-1, effective October 1, 1972, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-A series of Orders.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Caddo, Webster, Bossier and Bienville Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-B, effective October 1, 1973, and was further defined in subsequent Orders of the 361-B series of Orders.

The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

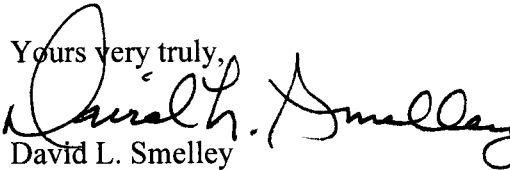
By letter dated December 12, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set January 5, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days of the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

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Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Empressa Energy, L.P.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jeff Elkins (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Mr. Jim Dodson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

